THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the suggestions of Sanskrit Commission Government of India has set up an autonomous organisation namely, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan which through its eight Vidyapeethas is looking after mostly all the matters pertaining to Vedic and Sanskrit Education. Apart from this a scheme is being prepared for the creation of International Institute of Indology and Classical Languages in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Recommendations of Sanskrit Commission

2979. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the (S. K. Chatterji) Sanskrit Commission (1956-57) had suggested institution of a Central manuscripts survey which would (i) periodically issue Bulletins about the manuscripts surveyed, transcribed, collected from time to time; (ii) publish detailed catalogue of the collections made and examined; (iii) make critical editions of the most valuable manuscripts so discovered and (iv) acquire film-copies and photostats of important manuscripts in foreign libraries and to help as a Central Clearing House for Scholars who enquire about manuscripts in Indian and foreign libraries; and

(b) what is Government's thinking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government attaches great importance to Sanskrit Manuscripts survey work and the work has been going on through; —

(i) Seven Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapcethas under Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi Situated at Jammu, Delhi, Allahabad, Jaipur. Puri, Tirupati and Guruvayoor purchase and maintain manuscripts libraries with the Government grant. They also procure and preserve Sanskrit manuscripts and have got sizeable collection of them,

(ii) National Archives, New Delhi and National Library, Calcutta has get an elaborate scheme for purchasing manuscripts,

(iii) A proposal made by the Indira Gandhi National centre for Arts to feed into computer all available information about all known manuscripts in Indian and foreign libraries is under active consideration of the Government. They have also a programme for preparing a union catalogue of catalogues,

(iv) The Ministry has also recently formulated a scheme for the survey and location of Sanskrit manuscripts lying scattered all over India. This scheme is under serious consideration of the Ministry.

(v) The Ministry of Education has given liberal grants for the collection and preservation of manuscripts to the voluntary organisations as well as for the maintenance of manuscripts libraries.

Implementation of new education policy in 1988-89

2980. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what is the total amount to be spent for the implementation of the New Education Policy for the year 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI). An amount of Rs. 800 crores provided in the Annual Plan budget of the Central Sector for the year 1988-89 covers broadly all the schemes and progiammes for implementation of the National Policy on Education—1986.